समय में कमी करने के लिए माइक्रो प्रोसेसर पर आधारित स्वतः मुद्रण टिकट मशीनों की भी व्यवस्था की गई है।

Operational losses in suburban sectors of Zonal Railways

2572. DR. B.B. DUTTA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Suburban Sector of Western Railway has been showing profits for last three years, but the Central Railway, Eastern Railway, South Eastern Railway are showing continued operational losses on their suburban sectors;

(b) if so the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for such losses; and

(d) the steps taken to improve financial position of these Railways?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Railway-wise profit/loss is as under:—

(Figures in Crores of Rs.)

Railways	1991-92	1992-93	1193-94
Western Railway	(+) 24.91	(+) 49.95	(+) 63.88
Central Railway	(−) 07.81	(−) 07.13	(−) 10.33
Eastern Railway	(−) 150.64	(−) 155.85	(−) 151.49
South Eastern Railway	(−) 32.23	(−) 45.07	(−) 42.23

(c) The main reasons for loss on Eastern, Suth Eastern and Central Railways are:—

(i) Higher route Kilometrage than Western Railway as against lower number of originating passengers as well as passenger kilometres resulting in poor occupancy ratio.

(ii) Since fares of monthly season tickets are equivalent to only 23 to 9 single journeys, the possibility of reaching a break-even point is remote unless high occupancy ratio is achieved. The possibility of higher incidence of ticketless travel contributes to poor occupancy ratio.

(d) It has been proposed to increase the MST fares in budget for 1995-96 so as to recover fares equivalent to 25 to 11 single journeys at different distances. This is expected to reduce loss on suburban services. Adequate number of Self Printing Tickets Machines are installed and ticket checking strengthened so that ticketless travellers are minimised, availability of ticket is improved and leakage of revenue is curbed.

Market borrowings by the railways

2573. DR. B.B. DUTTA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the targets set for market borrowings by the Railways during 1994-95;

(b) whether the target has been achieved;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the impact of the shortfall on plan projects?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Rs. 1050 crores.

(b) No, Sir. Upto 28-2-95, an amount of Rs. 206.50 crs. could be raised.

(c) It has not been possible to achieve the target so far owing to tight money market conditions.

(d) To provide sufficient funds for acquiring Railway Assets, the IRFC provided an amount of Rs. 520.75 crores from its own internal resources, making the total provision so far to Rs. 727.25 crores. Arrangement for providing Rs.